

Bridgewater College

BC Digital Commons

College Life

College Publications

6-20-1907

Volume 8 Number 3 | June 20, 1907

Bridgewater College

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.bridgewater.edu/college_life

College Life.

"We must educate, we must educate."—Beecher.

Vol. VIII.

Bridgewater, Virginia, June 20, 1907.

No. 3.

A NEW GYMNASIUM.

Better facilities for physical culture has been one of the pressing needs of the College for a long time. It now seems that this need is soon to be supplied. A few years ago when there was a similar need of an athletic field the Athletic Association and the student body took hold of the matter and the field was purchased and fenced in a surprisingly short time. Now we have one of the best athletic fields in the State and for it we are indebted to the student body.

The accompanying cut shows the field from the third story of Founders' Hall. The scale is too small to give more than a general impression, but it will be observed that it lies nearly level, is well equipped and enclosed. The field contains three acres and the amount of good it has done in the development of physical strength and the promotion of social and moral culture cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

But it is only during the fall and spring that the field can be used. All through the winter months there is absolutely no means for the students to exercise except to walk on the wet and sloshy streets. As a result exercise is neglected and there is more or less sickness. These conditions make a gymnasium a positive necessity. At present there is a great amount of enthusiasm among the students for a gymnasium. Although it will cost more money than did the field, yet the need is so keenly felt that the students have taken upon themselves the entire financial responsibility of securing funds for the erection of the building, trusting in the alumni and friends of the institu-

tion for encouragement and aid. When we consider that this is an entirely voluntary act on their part, we cannot but be impressed with the almost unparalleled devotion and concern of these young men and women for their Alma Mater.

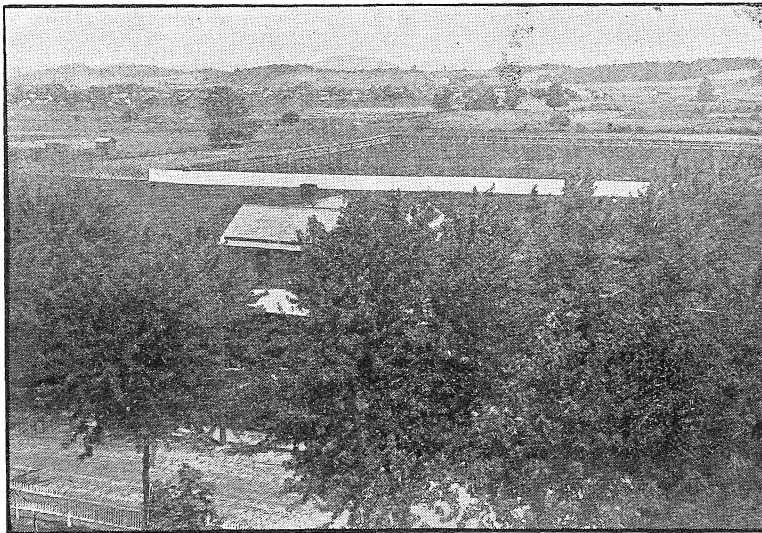
In our day the training of the body and the care of the physical health and strength is, in educational work, second only to mental training. But this was not always so regarded. Some of us are not too young to remember the day when college graduates were as likely to emerge from academic walls with health impaired and nerves racked as otherwise. The too constant insistence upon a close application

to books without proper care for the physical strength has resulted in sending many a well-trained mind through the world housed in a weak and sickly body.

The exercise necessary to keep up the physical strength should be as regular and systematic as class work, meals or hours for sleeping. A gymnasium is a laboratory, as necessary for the development

of bodily strength as is a laboratory for instruction in the physical sciences. We must act on this idea if we are to estimate a gymnasium at its true worth.

The score or more of voluntary solicitors are to report at an early date, and it is expected that work will begin on the building by August. At the time of this writing some of the solicitors have already raised more than their apportioned amounts, and there is no doubt that the building will be easily secured if the work of soliciting continues to be pushed. In the next issue of COLLEGE LIFE we hope to give a cut of the new Gymnasium.



The Hymenial Altar.

Several weddings of more than ordinary interest have taken place recently among the alumni.

May the 18th was the occasion of a very pretty home wedding, when Miss Lottie L. Miller became the bride of Mr. Otho D. Garber. The scene of this pleasant occasion was the handsome country residence of the bride's father, Mr. John W. Miller, who has been for a number of years an honored member of the Board of Trustees of the College. Mr. Garber and his bride are both graduates of the College and have many friends here. After a trip to the Jamestown Exposition and eastern cities they have returned to the home of the groom's father, Mr. John S. Garber, where they will reside.

On the 28th of the same month Miss Lucie Snell was married to Rev. Edwin F. Marker, of Columbus, Ohio. Miss Snell attended the College several sessions along in the 90's. Afterward she took a course of elocution in the Capital School of Oratory at Columbus. For the last several years she has been teaching elocution with marked success. Mr. Marker is a minister in the Luthern church. He holds a charge in Columbus, Ohio, where they have been at home since the first of June.

Charles F. Martin and Miss Madie Reeves were married June 5th. They went to Hagerstown to have the knot tied. The following day they returned to Mr. Martin's home in Page county. A day or two later a pleasant reception was accorded them at the bride's home in Augusty county. Both were students at the College last session. They will reside in Richmond, Va., where Mr. Martin has accepted a position with a street railway company.

Early in the morning of June 12th, Mr. Otis W. Wine took to himself a better half in the person of Miss Margaret Lago, of Mt. Crawford, Va. They left over the B. & O. train for the Jamestown Exposition and other places of interest. Mr. Wine is a graduate of the Commercial Department of the College, and is a well-known and successful business man of this place. They will reside at his pleasant home on College street.

Cards are also out announcing the marriage of Miss Ethel Hanna to Mr. William Graham Myers on the afternoon of June 19th, at the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church. Miss Hanna spent two sessions at the College several years ago and has a host of friends here.

To all of these young people COLLEGE LIFE extends congratulations and best wishes for long, happy and useful lives.

Bridgewater Men at the University of Virginia.

At the Finals of the University of Virginia Bridgewater men were much in evidence. There were four Bachelors of Arts of this College among the graduates. All these were Valley men, there being three from Rockingham county and one from Shenandoah. Mr. Harry M. Strickler, B. A. '06, took the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Mr. W. T. Myers, B. A. '01, took the degree of Master of Arts. Mr. Myers has also been Instructor in Latin in the University, which position he still holds while he will continue his studies for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Mr. John W. Wayland, B. A. '99, took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Dr. Wayland has won many prizes and honors at the University, having at some time won almost every prize awarded for academic efficiency by the University. He has been Assistant in History at the University, which position he will continue to hold. He prepared his dissertation on the German Element in the Valley of Virginia.

Prof. John S. Flory, B. A. '02, also took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Dr. Flory spent three years at the University after getting his bachelor's degree from Bridgewater. He distinguished himself for his scholarship and literary ability. For two years he was Assistant in English Literature. He won a number of honors in his university life. Among them was Editor in Chief of the *University Magazine* and Assistant Editor in Chief of *College Topics*. Dr. Flory has been acting President of Bridgewater College during the past session in the absence of President Yount. The duties of this position he has performed with marked success and to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned. He will remain at the College as Vice-President and Professor of English and German. He prepared his dissertation of the Literary History of the German Baptists in America.

We have abundant reason to be proud of the records of our men in the realms of high learning. These honors are not only a compliment to the College that laid so well the foundations of their scholarship but they likewise reflect even greater credit upon the people and the communities that they represent.



President Yount Returning.

President Yount, who has been one of the members of the American School of Oriental Research in Palestine during the past session, has been having a most pleasant and profitable stay in the Holy Land. His opportunity has been a rich one and he seems to have made the best of it. He has covered the land thoroughly in company with some of the finest scholars in the world. He writes that his health has been excellent and that he has stood the many hard trips on horseback well. He also says that he is bringing with him a large collection of lantern slides, illustrative of his travels and studies while in the Orient. He expects to land in America in the latter part of June.

Commencement.

The commencement exercises passed off very pleasantly and were full of interest. The weather was very unfavorable, however, for the two society programs on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Class Day exercises Saturday p. m. were fully up to the standard of such occasions. This is usual the most entertaining program of commencement week.

Sunday evening a large crowd gathered to hear the baccalaureate sermon, which was preached by Prof. J. H. Cline. He used as subject the words of Isaiah, "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times," and delivered a discourse that was edifying and greatly appreciated.

Monday was alumni day. Quite a number of the alumni were present, although not so many as we should have been glad to see. The different meetings were full of interest, the business meeting at 10 a. m., the literary program at 2 p. m., and the banquet at 7 p. m. Nearly a hundred persons surrounded the tables at the banquet, where the delicacies of the season had been provided in abundance. A number of toasts were responded to, and a feeling of good cheer was strongly in evidence.

In the evening at eight o'clock the cantata "Ruth" was given by the chorus class. The audience was very large, filling the chapel and commercial room to their utmost capacity. The class contained about fifty trained singers and was under the direction of Prof. Roller. Miss Berlin presided at the piano. The performance has been pronounced one of the best ever heard in this part of the State, and reflects credit upon the College and the music department.

Tuesday morning was commencement. The weather had cleared up and the crowd began to gather early. By nine o'clock, the hour for opening, the house was packed. All available space was occupied, many persons standing through the entire service of nearly three hours. The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. S. J. Bowman, of Tennessee. Representatives selected from each class then delivered their graduating orations. After this the diplomas were delivered and the degrees conferred by Prof. John S. Flory, acting president of the College. In a few remarks about the session just closing and the prospects for the future he then declared the session of 1906-7 closed.

It would be a pleasure to mention by name the different alumni and friends who were present during commencement week, but for obvious reasons this is impossible.



The fall term begins Tuesday, September 3rd.

Dr. D. L. Miller on a College Education for Ministers.

The *College Campus* of Mt. Morris College published the following report of an address made by Eld. D. L. Miller before a minister's meeting. Eld. Miller says:

There are certain necessary and important qualification for a minister that such an education best fits him for God's use. I should emphasize the following:

He must be converted—his heart regenerated by the spirit of God.

He must be a good man.

He must be full of the Holy Ghost.

He must be full of faith.

To these qualifications, without which no man can be approved in the ministry, I would add all the education he can get.

Education must not be at end, but means to an end. The young man who fully consecrates himself to the ministry and secures a college education with the high aim of better fitting himself for the great calling of his life—preaching Christ and Him crucified—will receive incalculable benefit from his education.

We are three in one—physical, intellectual and spiritual. We need to develop all three to do our best in the ministry. A Good, strong, well developed body; a cultivated, quickened intellect, disciplined and sharpened by a college education; and the fully developed spiritual nature, makes the full rounded out man, and prepares him for successful work in any calling in life and especially so in the ministry.

Our ministers need a college education, sanctified and consecrated, in order to meet the demand of the age, to confute false philosophy and the attenuated abstractions of men who are trying to make the Bible a book of myths. I am a great lover of the concrete. A man may keep adding to a line of abstract thought till nothing of well-defined fact is left and the thought has not the force of real life. We must cling to the concrete. We cannot give up the fact that Abraham lived, served and died the friend of God.

F. P. BOWMAN,

G. A. SNELL.

F. P. BOWMAN & COMPANY,

DEALERS IN

Farm Machinery, Vehicles,

**Hardware, Wind and Gasoline Engines, Pumps,
Piping, Woven Wire Fencing, Paints, Oils, Etc.**

New Idea Manure Spreader a Specialty.

COLLEGE LIFE.

Published quarterly, for the uplift of College Life in Literature, Music, etc., by Bridgewater College.

EDITORS:

JOHN S. FLORY, CHAIRMAN

JUSTUS H. CLINE

JOHN C. MYERS, BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBSCRIPTION, 20 CENTS PER ANNUM.

Entered at the Post Office at Bridgewater, as Second Class Matter.

The fall term begins Tuesday, September 3rd.

Prof. John S. Flory will again spend the month of July lecturing in the State Normal at Winchester.

Harold B. Myers has been elected captain of the baseball team for next year and Ernest M. Hoover manager.

Mr. George Miller and Mr. Frank Kyger, of the Mill Creek neighborhood, visited the College during commencement.

Prof. W. I. T. Hoover, J. S. Flory, John C. Myers and Justus H. Cline attended the finals at the University of Virginia.

All are anxiously awaiting the reports of the solicitors who are working for the new gymnasium. We trust no one is discouraged.

Dr. A. B. Bicknell will spend his vacation in New England. He visited the Jamestown Exposition immediately after commencement.

Prof. J. H. Cline will spend part of his vacation at the University of Virginia, pursuing special work in Geology, Zoology, and Botany.

Rev. Geo. L. Brown, Jr., B. A. '91, has accepted a call as pastor of the Shemariah Presbyterian church in Augusta county. He was installed March 10th.

The cantata, Ruth, sung during commencement has been pronounced by many to have been the best ever sung at the College. The Music Department is deserving of much praise.

Mr. C. W. Hoover, of Timberville, attended commencement and delivered an able address before the alumni association. His subject was, "Wanted a Man." He was elected president of Association for next year.

Prof. J. H. Morris has accepted a call for the summer as pastor of the Pleasant View Brethern church in Rockbridge county. His charge is within the territory of the Mount Vernon congregation.

Miss Laura M. Emswiler, one of our efficient teachers in the Music Department, will spend most of the summer in Columbus, Ohio, where she will take special work in music from several of the masters in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hoover were present on Alumni day and also at the commencement exercise. Two of their children, Ernest and Flora, were students the past session. The former was among the graduates in the Commercial Department.

Horace K. Wright, B. A. '95, visited his Alma Mater during commencement week. Prof. Wright taught during the past session in the Maryland Collegiate Institute. Next fall he expects to enter the graduate school of Princeton University.

Mr. J. C. Snell, of the class of '97, has been visiting his Alma Mater and friends in Bridgewater for some weeks. Mr. Snell holds a fine position with the Santa Fe Railroad at Grand Canon, Arizona. He is a loyal member of the alumni association and is taking an active and substantial interest in the erection of the new Gymnasium.

Miss Sylvia Burns went to visit her friend Miss Ethel Hanna, after commencement. She remained until after the marriage of the latter, June 19, when she acted as bridesmaid. Miss Burns hopes to be back next session to take up the work for the B. A. degree.

We call attention of the traveling public to the ad on page 7 of this issue. The Washington Sunset Route is admitted to be one of the most thoroughly up-to-date and best equipped roads in the country.

Mr. Geo. W. Flory is hustling the matter of securing endowment for the College. There seems to be a very general sentiment among the friends of the institution favoring the increase of the endowment funds. Mr. Flory is taking hold of the work with a great deal of enthusiasm and all are confident of his success. He not only has a keen appreciation of the need of increasing the general educational facilities among us but he also appreciates the particular value that the kind of education for which Bridgewater College stands will have in assuring the stability of the Church and the development of her young men and women to meet the responsibilities of a widening and growing institution.

SNELL & EARLY

DEALERS IN

Farm Machinery and Supplies,
Pumps, Piping, Paints and Oils.

The Endowment of the College.

For a number of years we have talked and written about this subject more, perhaps, than any other relating to the welfare of the College. Sometimes we became discouraged and it seemed that the friends of the work would never rally to its support and assure its stability in the future, as well as make possible the accomplishment of the work for which the College was founded. This last statement may sound strange. Is it true that the College has not given to the church and to mankind what it might have done? That is certainly true. The purposes for which we want a College to exist among us have been accomplished in the most incomplete way. The College has been asked to educate boys and girls—the most sacred and important work that the fathers and mothers of our land can delegate to anybody—and such work had to be done with the most incomplete equipment of every sort. The Faculty has always been too small and the salaries insufficient. Fortunately we do not hear much complaint on the salary question. Our teachers ask more frequently for more books in the Library, or more apparatus in the laboratories than they do for increased salaries. So far they have been getting very little of either, but they have done nobly as the careers of the graduates that have gone out from the College attest. The value of the Institution can easily be doubled or thrice with sufficient funds. We are not giving to the church and the state what we can, or what we want to give in trained Christian men and women. No College has a richer opportunity than ours. Our location is particularly unique. It seems that Providence has especially reserved, during all these years, the most fertile and populous part of the state until we might awake from our slumber and take the opportunity. Colleges have long ago been built in most every corner of the state, but the most fertile section of all was without a college till within very recent years when Bridgewater was established. Today ours is the only Institution in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia whose B. A. degree is accredited at the State University. Putting it in plainer language it simply means that we are the only College in the Shenandoah Valley. This is not said to boast but merely to call attention to the opportunity that is before us. Today we have a respectable place among the educational institutions of the state and there is no reason why we should not become leaders in education as we have become in economic pursuits.

Because the officers of the College have been crying money, money, some have taken it that the institution was in a tottering condition and could not long exist. It is not worth while to waste ink to re-

fute any such idea. Our College does not exist by reason of someone's whim or notion. It exists by reason of the absolute need of a College in this section. It, therefore, must succeed. There is no other alternative but that there shall be a college, and a good one, in the Shenandoah Valley. Bridgewater is that College and so it will remain. The need of more money is a normal one. If there was no call for money you might then become alarmed and tremble as to our future. It is like the desire of a growing boy for food. He must have it in sufficient quantity or else his growth ceases. The College is a rapidly growing institution and therefore it needs money to sustain the growth and increase it.

At length, however, the problem seems about to find a ready solution. The District Meeting has declared, without a dissenting vote that the College must be more heavily endowed, and has ordered that the proper steps be taken to secure the money. The sentiment in favor of the project is very strong and most encouraging. The fruit seems ripe and it is the time to pluck it. Mr. George W. Flory has undertaken the task of soliciting the funds. His interest in all good work is well known. The task that he has undertaken is an important one and no one more keenly recognizes that than he. At the time of this writing he is busy at work. During the few days that he has been in the field he has met with the most encouraging success and already the funds of the Institution have been very substantially increased.

When we remember that, after all, whatever good is done in the world is done by men and women who are capable of doing such good by leading and directing other men and women, and in no other way can lasting good be accomplished, we are better able to direct our charities in the proper and most fruitful channels. Money itself cannot save the world. If it is ever saved it will be done through the instrumentality of men who are trained and supported with the aid of money and directed by the spirit. If we can convert the power of money into the greatest power of mind and soul, consecrated to the lofty ideal of purity in all mankind, we shall have gone far toward the fulfillment of the richest of life's hopes and toward the achievement of the greatest of eternity's blessings. The salvation of all men depends upon the perfection of our educative processes, by means of which the good and noble shall be able to teach and train every youth in the ways of truth and right in such a manner that they will never depart from them.



The Fall Term Begins Tuesday,
September 3d, 1907.

The Demand For Teachers.

The present demand for teachers has never been precided in our history. This is not only an encouraging sign of the time, but it also makes the teaching profession more inviting than ever before. The present demand for teachers will necessarily result in increase in salaries in order that the demand may be supplied. The increase in salary will furthermore result in the necessity of more thorough preparation on the part of the teacher in the future than he has had in the past. The present conditions not only invite recruits into field of teaching, but they also impel the old teacher to further prepare himself in order that he may be able to meet and supply the larger demands on him in the future.

This new outlook for the teacher is one of the most hopeful of signs, for most of the puzzling problems of both church and state find their best solutions in the school room. The education of the youth of the land affords the very best opportunity for the preservation and the enlargement of the elements that are most vital in our whole religious and social structure. The present ideal of the best citizens of our land is that every boy and girl shall have an opportunity to secure the best education. Our civilization has at length so far advanced that the education of for the few is no longer the problem. It is now the education of the masses that is receiving the greatest attention of thinking men, and the day does not seem very far distant that shall see illiteracy entirely removed from our land. Perhaps no other nation has the realization of that ideal so close at hand, yet it seems to be the early achievement of our new American civilization. Since the teacher is the direct instrument by which this great work of humanity is accomplished it is certainly very necessary that this position be raised to that of a profession, and the signs of the times seem to indicate that this will be so.

OTIS W. WINE

Confectioner and Baker

MANUFACTURERS

Pure Ice Cream

Ice Cream and Soda Water Parlors Connected.

LEADING DEALER IN

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES

BRIDGEWATER, VA.

Come to See Us When in Need of

Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Clothing, Trunks,
Carpet, China, Hardware, &c., &c.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES A SPECIALTY.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND THE PUBLIC
SCHOOL BOOKS.

INDUCEMENTS:

FAIR PRICES AND A LARGE AND CAREFULLY
SELECTED STOCK OF GOODS.

Robson & Robson.

D. S. THOMAS

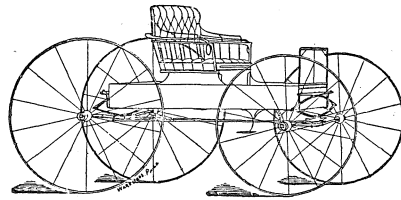
MANUFACTURER OF

FINE VEHICLES,

AND ALSO DEALER IN

WESTERN VEHICLES

AT PRICES TO SUIT ALL.



HARNESS,

Whips and Robes.

BRIDGEWATER, - VA.

Rensselaer
Polytechnic
Institute,
Troy, N.Y.

Local examinations provided for. Send for a catalogue

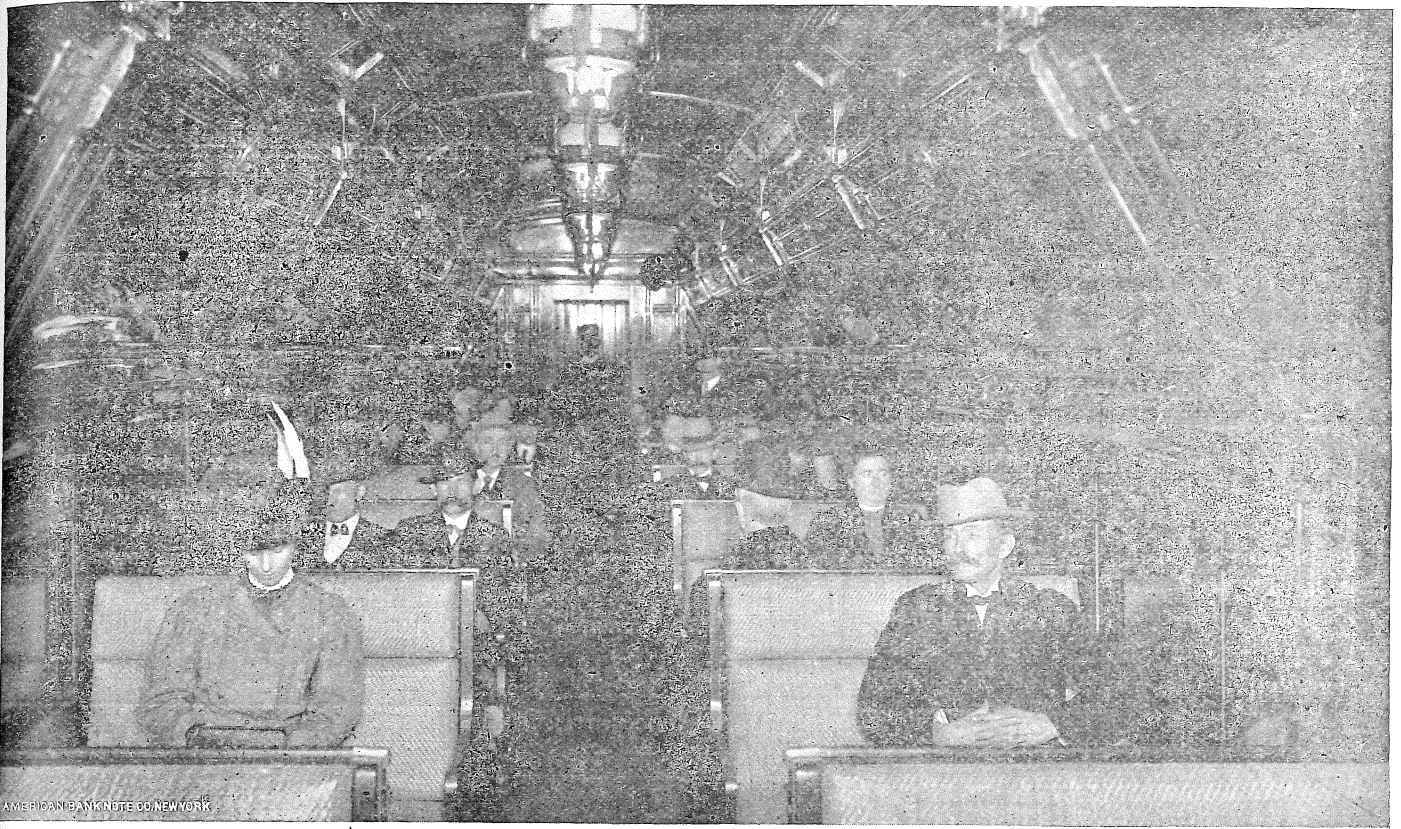
W. H. SIPE COMPANY

General Merchants

We Carry a Large and Varied Stock of
Stationery and School Supplies, Men's
Furnishings, Shoes, Hats,
Trunks, Valises and Telescopes, Dry
Good sand Notions, Furniture, Hard-
ware, Carpet, Matting, Stoves.

QUALITY GOOD. PRICES LOW.

BRIDGEWATER, VIRGINIA.



INTERIOR VIEW OF EXCURSION SLEEPING-CAR

These Sleeping-Cars Go Through, Without Change, Washington, D. C., to Los Angeles
and San Francisco, California, via

WASHINGTON SUNSET ROUTE

Personally Conducted Three Times Weekly the Year Round.

DOUBLE BERTH - - - - - \$8.50

In addition to Regular Rates Which Are in Effect Daily.

Cheap One Way and Round Trip Rates to California

Are in Effect at Certain Periods of Which the Undersigned Would be Pleased to Give
Information Upon Inquiry.

Write for Free Illustrated Descriptive Literature, Rates, Reservations, etc.

A. J. POSTON, General Agent,

511 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE.

The Leading Educational Institution of

Northern Virginia.

Co-Educational.

Courses of Instruction Leading to the Degrees of
M. A., B. A., and B. E.

CONSERVATORY ADVANTAGES IN MUSIC.

ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED COMMERCIAL COLLEGES
IN THE STATE.

¶ Bible School partially endowed. Superior advantages. ¶ Equipment comprising five large buildings and central heating plant in campus of ten acres. ¶ Electric lights, steam heat, abundance of pure water, warm and cold baths.

Library of six thousand volumes, well equipped laboratories, splendidly fitted up society halls, new musical instruments including Stieff Concert Grand Pianos. ¶ Excellent separate athletic fields for ladies and gentlemen, new gymnasium to be erected this summer.

ABLE FACULTY,

Graduates of Universities in the north, east, south, and west. Over two hundred students. ¶ Positive religious influence—non-sectarian. ¶ High moral environments, excellent social advantages, homelike. ¶ School life should be pleasant. Bridgewater College makes it so.

For further information apply to

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE,
BRIDGEWATER, VIRGINIA.